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I'VE FINISHED THE NIGHT'S LAST NEWS ROUNDUP AS CLARK KENT, TV ANCHORMAN ... AND BY THE LOOK OF THINGS, THERE'S NO EMERGENCY REQUIRING SUPERMAN'S ATTENTION EITHER IN THE CITY--

--THE COUNTRY--

IF I NEEDED SLEEP, I COULD ALWAYS DREAM THE NIGHT AWAY, BUT A SUPERMAN NEEDS SLEEP ONLY NOW AND THEN--FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS!

I'VE GOT NINE DULL HOURS TO SPEND BEFORE I'M DUE IN THE 11:35-TV NEWSROOM TOMORROW MORNING...

--OR THE WORLD!

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE GLAD, BUT THE TRUTH IS --I'M BORED!

...SO I MIGHT AS WELL GO OFF ON ANOTHER BOREDOM-BREAKER--

**"SUPERMAN'S TIME-KILLING TRIP!"**

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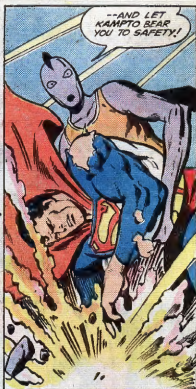
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT IF THAT WEIRDO IN THE FISH-SUIT THINKS HE CAN HARM ME WITH A SIMPLE RAY-BLAST, HE'S IN FOR A--

YEEOW!



YOU WERE WARNED, STRANGER! BE GRATEFUL THE PATROL LEADER'S HOT-BOLT WAS SO POORLY AIMED!

NOW GO LIMP--



--AND LET KAMPTO BEAR YOU TO SAFETY!



I-I'VE BEEN WOUNDED...! BLEEDING...

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! EVEN IF THIS IS THE FUTURE, I'M STILL ON EARTH-- STILL UNDER EARTH'S YELLOW SUN--



GREAT KRYPTON! I'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!

I'VE TRAVELED SO FAR THROUGH TIME, I'VE REACHED A POINT IN EARTH'S FUTURE WHEN THE SUN'S GROWN OLDER!

IT'S RED NOW--



--AND UNDER A RED SUN--

--I HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS!



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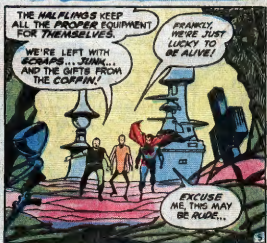
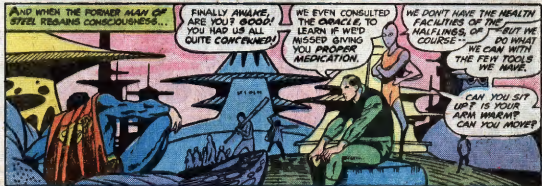
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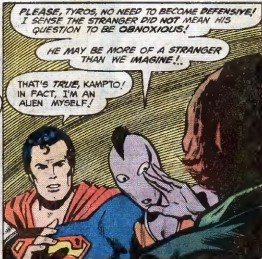




...BUT AREN'T YOU AN ALIEN?

KAMPTO? HE'S AS MUCH A TERRAN AS YOU OR I! HIS ANCESTORS MAY HAVE COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD, BUT THAT'S HARDLY RELEVANT TODAY, IS IT?

FULLY ONE-HALF OF THE BEINGS LIVING IN THIS SHELTER ARE RIGELLIAN-TERRANS, AND WE'RE PROUD TO CALL THEM OUR BROTHERS!



PLEASE, TYROS, NO NEED TO BECOME DEFENSIVE! I SENSE THE STRANGER DID NOT MEAN HIS QUESTION TO BE OBNOXIOUS!

HE MAY BE MORE OF A STRANGER THAN WE IMAGINE!

THAT'S TRUE, KAMPTO! IN FACT, I'M AN ALIEN MYSELF!



AND WHEN THE ACTION ACE HAS RELATED HIS STORY...

FANTASTIC... BUT I BELIEVE YOU!

AS DO I! HAVEN'T WE ALREADY FOUND PROOF OF A PAST CIVILIZATION ALMOST AS ADVANCED AS OUR MODERN SOCIO-STRUCTURE?

PROOF? WHAT PROOF--?



WHY... THIS, WHAT WE CALL "THE COFFIN"! INTERNAL EVIDENCE SHOWS IT WAS BURIED IN SOMETHING CALLED "THE YEAR 1978 A.D."

BY RAO! IT'S A TIME CAPSULE!



BE CAUTIOUS! THAT IS WHAT WE CALL THE ORACLE!

QUESTIONED IT ANSWERS WITH WORDS OF WISDOM...

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IT HAS THE MEMORY-CAPACITY OF A MUCH LARGER CALCULATOR...

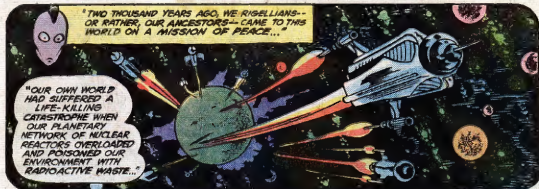


KAMPTO, TYROS... I'VE TOLD YOU MY STORY. HOW ABOUT YOURS?

OURS IS A SAD TALE, SUPERMAN.

IN A WAY, IT IS THE FAULT OF MY RACE--THOUGH ONLY INDIRECTLY...





"TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, WE RIGELLANS-- OR RATHER, OUR ANCESTORS-- CAME TO THIS WORLD ON A MISSION OF PEACE..."

"OUR OWN WORLD HAD SUFFERED A LIFE-KILLING CATASTROPHE WHEN OUR PLANETARY NETWORK OF NUCLEAR REACTORS OVERLOADED AND POISONED OUR ENVIRONMENT WITH RADIOACTIVE WASTE..."



"OUR RACE WAS LEFT HOMELESS: ONE BILLION RIGELLANS, WITHOUT A PLANET TO CALL OUR OWN..."



"TO THEIR EVERLASTING CREDIT THOSE FOREFATHERS WELCOMED MY PEOPLE AND OFFERED US A HOME ON EARTH..."



"IN RETURN, WE RIGELLANS WORKED HARD TO ADJUST TO TERRAN SOCIETY, TRYING TO BECOME PART OF THIS WORLD WHILE STILL RETAINING OUR RACIAL IDENTITY..."

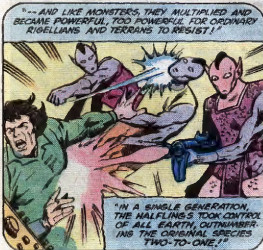
"FOR MANY CENTURIES, RIGELLANS AND TERRANS WORKED TOGETHER AS ONE PEOPLE..."



"--UNTIL, TRAGICALLY, THE ABSORPTION PROCESS WENT ONE STEP TOO FAR--"

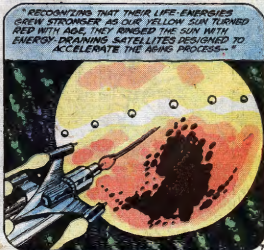
"--AND THE HALFLINGS WERE BORN..."

"THE OFFSPRING OF RIGELLANS AND TERRANS, THEY WERE MONSTERS..."



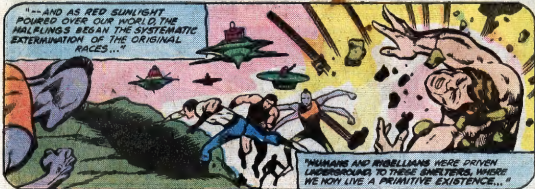
"--AND LIKE MONSTERS, THEY MULTIPLIED AND BECAME POWERFUL, TOO POWERFUL FOR ORDINARY RIGELLANS AND TERRANS TO RESIST!"

"IN A SINGLE GENERATION, THE HALFLINGS TOOK CONTROL OF ALL EARTH, OUTNUMBERING THE ORIGINAL SPECIES TWO-TO-ONE..."



"RECOGNIZING THAT THEIR LIFE ENERGIES GREW STRONGER AS OUR YELLOW SUN TURNED RED WITH AGE, THEY RINGED THE SUN WITH ENERGY-DRAINING SATELLITES DESIGNED TO ACCELERATE THE AGING PROCESS..."

"...AND AS RED SUNLIGHT  
POURED OVER OUR WORLD, THE  
HALFLINGS BEGAN THE SYSTEMATIC  
EXTERMINATION OF THE ORIGINAL  
RACES..."



"HUMANS AND REBELLIONS WERE DRIVEN  
UNDERGROUND TO THESE SHELTERS, WHERE  
WE NOW LIVE A PRIMITIVE EXISTENCE..."

...AS WE HAVE  
FOR THE PAST  
TWELVE  
HUNDRED  
YEARS!

IT SOUNDS LIKE  
THE "ORIGINAL  
RACES" BROUGHT  
ON THEIR PROBLEM  
BY THEIR  
PREJUDICE  
AGAINST THE  
FIRST GENERATION  
OF HALFLINGS...



...BUT THAT'S THEIR  
WORRY, NOT MINE!  
I'M A FIGHTER, NOT  
A SOCIOLOGIST.

WHATEVER THE  
REASON, THESE  
PEOPLE ARE THE  
CURRENT VICTIMS  
OF PERSECUTION...  
AND SO AM I!



AS LONG AS  
EARTH'S SUN  
REMAINS RED,  
I'M TRAPPED  
IN THIS  
FUTURE!

...UNLESS... KAMPTO, YOU  
SAID YOUR  
PEOPLE CAME TO  
EARTH IN SPACESHIPS  
TWO THOUSAND YEARS  
AGO. INTERSTELLAR  
SHIPS WOULD HAVE TO BE  
RUGGED...

...SO THEY'VE  
PROBABLY  
SURVIVED  
ALL THESE  
CENTURIES!

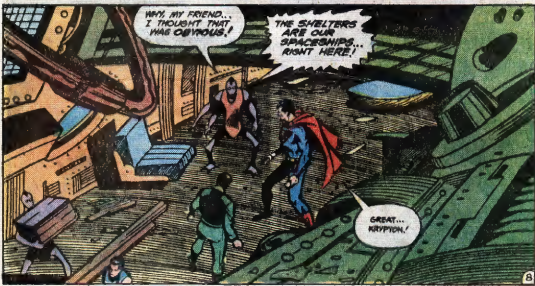
WHERE  
ARE THEY?



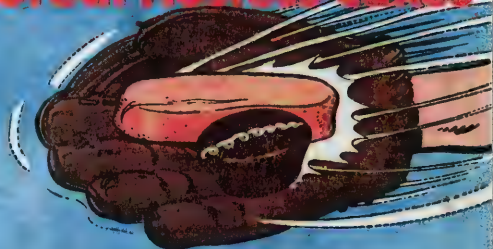
WHY, MY FRIEND...  
I THOUGHT THAT  
WAS OBVIOUS!

THE SHELTERS  
ARE OUR  
SPACESHIPS...  
RIGHT HERE!

GREAT...  
KRYPTON!

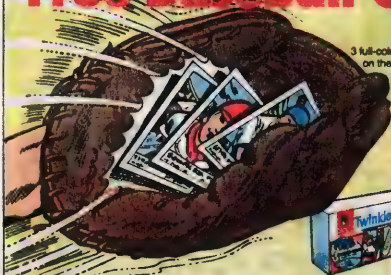


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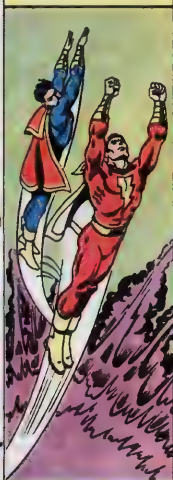


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and the **BOLD**

**THE**



**EXPLOSION!**



HURRIED MOMENTS LATER,  
IN WHAT WAS ONCE A  
MASTER CONTROL ROOM...

THE COMPUTER CONTROLS...  
GUTTED! THE FIRST  
RIGELLIAN SETTLERS MUST  
HAVE REMOVED THE  
COMPUTERS WHEN THEY  
ARRIVED--

--TO HELP  
THEMSELVES  
IN THE TRANSITION  
TO TERRAN  
TECHNOLOGY!

BUT ACCORDING  
TO THE TALL-TALES,  
THE STARSHIP'S  
ENGINES ARE  
STILL FUNCTIONING--

--WITHOUT A  
COMPUTER TO  
DIRECT ALL THE  
SHIP'S SYSTEMS,  
THOUGH, THIS  
CRAFT IS  
NOTHING BUT  
A USELESS  
SHELL!

YOU SEEM  
UPSET,  
STRANGER!

I AM!  
I HOPED TO USE  
THIS SPACESHIP  
TO DESTROY  
THE SATELLITES  
AROUND THE  
SUN-- BUT THAT  
HOPE'S FINISHED!

PERHAPS  
NOT! WE  
SHOULD  
CONSULT  
THE ORACLE,  
AND SEE  
IF--

THE  
ORACLE!!

WHAT--?

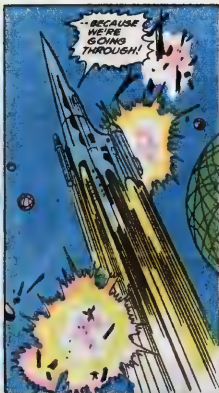
PLEASE--THE ORACLE  
IS VERY DELICATE--  
AND SACRED--

IT'S MORE  
THAN THAT,  
KAMPTO--

--IT'S A  
WORLD'S  
SALVATION!

ALL SYSTEMS  
ACTIVATED

SHAROOM!



**HOLY  
TASTE BUDS!!  
IT'S THE FAMOUS  
CLARK BAR  
SUPERHERO  
SWEEPSTAKES!**



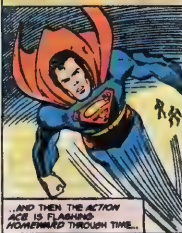




THIS, IF YOU DON'T MIND, YOU'LL HAVE OTHER COMPUTERS SOON...

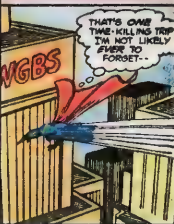
...AND THIS GADGET'S MORE APPROPRIATE TO MY AGE THAN YOURS!

THE FAREWELLS ARE BRIEF: A WAVE, A SMILE, A THOUGHTFUL FROWN...



...AND THEN THE ACTION AGE IS FLASHING HOMEWARD THROUGH TIME...

...TO THE CITY OF METROPOLIS ON A FINE SPRING MORNING, SHORTLY AFTER NINE A.M....



THAT'S ONE TIME-KILLING TRIP I'M NOT LIKELY EVER TO FORGET--

--PARTICULARLY WITH THIS AS A SOUVENIR!

CLARK! COME ON, WE'LL BE LATE! THEY'RE SEALING THE GALAXY BUILDING TIME CAPSULE TODAY-- REMEMBER?

OH, UM... RIGHT! LOIS...

WITH A CRAWLING SENSATION OF APPREHENSION, CLARK FOLLOWS LOIS AND THE OTHER GALAXY EMPLOYEES TO A SPOT AT THE BUILDING'S REAR, WHERE HE SEES, TO HIS SHOCK--

IT'S THE SAME TIME CAPSULE! THERE MUST BE SOME SORT OF CHRONAL PARADOX AT WORK--!



WHAT'S MORE INCREDIBLE, MY X-RAY VISION SHOWS THAT THIS PORTABLE COMPUTER IS MISSING FROM THE SCHEDULED CONTENTS...

SO... A SUPER-SPEED TOSSE... JUST BEFORE THE CAPSULE'S SEALED...



WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, CLARK? SOMETHING YOU ATE?

UH... IT'S NOTHING, LOIS. NOTHING.

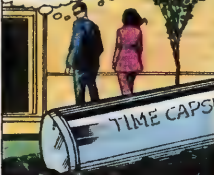
WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF I HADN'T BROUGHT THAT COMPUTER BACK FROM THE FUTURE TO PLACE IN THAT CAPSULE?

WOULD I STILL BE TRAPPED THERE, MILLIONS OF YEARS FROM TOMORROW...?



NO, DON'T THINK ABOUT IT! BECAUSE IF YOU DO, YOU'LL START TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE BIG QUESTION--

--WHAT CAME FIRST --THE PRESENT-DAY COMPUTER OR THE FUTURE COMPUTER?



BEGINNINGS... MIDDLE... OR END?

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"SUPER-ORIGIN OF MICROWAVE MAN!"

IN A MINUTEMAN WAR OF THE BAT-KNIGHTS THE BIGGER WE ARE, THE BETTER WE ARE!

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Dear Editor:

Despite the fact that **ACTION** #482 had an absolutely horrendous title ("This is a Job for Supermobile"), it benefited from one of Cary Bates' better writing achievements, and thus far it is the best story in the Amazo saga. It's very obvious from well-written tales such as this that Cary is quite at home with **Superman** and his friends (and foes), especially Lois Lane.

Lois' accompanying **Superman** made the crucial battle scenes much more exciting, more meaningful, and allowed for much more characterization. Those scenes on the asteroid were especially significant because of the way Cary was able to express, in relatively few words, the love **Supie** and Lois feel for each other.

Even though the Supermobile sounds like a ridiculous gimmick, it was perhaps one of Cary's best, for it allowed the use of **Superman's** mental capacities as well as providing an interesting substitute for his physical prowess. Of course, Cary was wise in not letting this gimmick become too important to the telling of the story. In fact, I found other story elements much better—the use of the WGBS newscast as a means of providing flashbacks, and the related use of Lana, Steve and Oscar Asherman. Their characterizations were delightful, but pale in comparison to those scenes with Lois, both solo and with **Superman**. These achievements more than compensated for the relatively dragged-out Amazo-Professor Ivo keep-away plot.

Artwise, Curt Swan turned in his usual expert job; and yet Frank Chiaramonte continues to be an enigma. At times he is superb and controlled, and his work ranks right along with the best of Klein, Anderson and Adkins. Yet he also seems to get sloppy in certain panels. However, I'm quite confident he will improve as he gets used to the job.

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Dear Julie:

In **ACTION** 480-482, we see **Superman** powerless because of waves of red solar energy. As I recall, some of **Superman's** powers, such as strength, speed and breath, were derived from the lesser gravitational pull of the Earth compared to Krypton. Yet here he is completely powerless on Earth.

Has the **Superman** legend been rewritten again so that Kryptonians now derive all their powers from our sun?

Along these lines, how about having **Superman** travel to alien worlds in different solar system? It would be interesting to see how you could vary his powers while under the influence of different type stars. Or do the ultra-solar rays that give him his powers exist in all types of stars except red? Would he have the same powers under an orange sun as he would under, say, a blue star?

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Let's go back to the very first story to mention the effect of the yellow sun. It was "**Supergirl's Greatest Victory**," in **ACTION** #262, March, 1960. In it, **Supergirl** had a question concerning her own birthplace—Argo City, on a small fragment of the exploded planet Krypton. "But why weren't my people also super-strong when free of Krypton's heavy gravity?" **Superman** replied, "Because our super-powers come partly from lesser gravity, plus ultra-solar rays that penetrate Earth day and night! These rays can only affect people who were born in other solar systems than Earth's! And only yellow stars, like Earth's sun, emit those super-energy rays! On planets of non-yellow suns, we would not be super-powered, even under low gravity!" "I see!" **Supergirl** said. "Krypton had a red sun, so the people on the chunk I lived on didn't become super!" This explanation was later altered a bit when it was shown that **Superman** had reduced powers under an orange sun, while Jimmy Olsen gained powers under a blue star. Therefore, the heat of the sun seems the determining factor.—E.H.B.

. . . . .

Dear Editor:

There was a time when the very mention of Cary Bates in the credits of a story sent cold chills up my spine. Mr. Bates might be a favorite of many fans, but I have not been too impressed by his writing ability.

But perhaps things are looking up. The current four-part Amazo series in **ACTION** has to be Cary's best work ever.

He has made ample use of Amazo's powers these past issues, which caused me to follow the story since the first part. Amazo is perhaps one of the most deadly villains ever created and has proved himself a match for the Man of Steel. Learning Professor Ivo has reformed was a nice touch. It is very rare that an editor will allow a villain to reform, since it must be very hard to replace them in the Rogues' Gallery. There have only been two to my knowledge: Dr. Alchemy and The Toyman. I was quite displeased when Julie allowed Marty Pasko to return Toyman to his old ways. I hope Ivo will be allowed to stay reformed.

Cary did a superb job of adding some new touches to the character of Lana. She is one of the few people who do not hesitate to tell Steve Lombard to get lost. Maybe Steve has finally met his match.

I was also surprised by the relationship of Lois and **Superman**. It seems they are very much in love with one another. The conversation follows smoothly between them, unlike the days when all **Superman** could say to her was, "I can't reveal my feelings toward you."

In any other tale, I might have objected to the trite way of having **Superman's** powers disappear and the Supermobile. But since Cary did such a fine job on the other parts, I will allow him his plot devices. Let's hope the conclusion will be as good as the first three.

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Reformed villains? Wonder Woman's enemy, Baroness Paula Von Gunther, became the top scientist on Paradise Island. And **Superman** had another reformed foe: swindler Wilbur Whiffenham.—E. Nelson Bridwell

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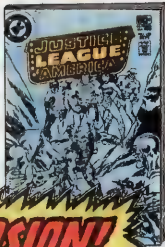
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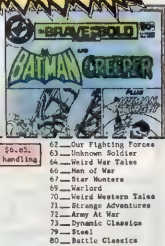
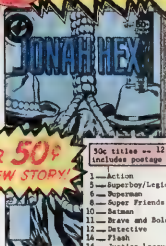
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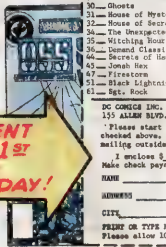
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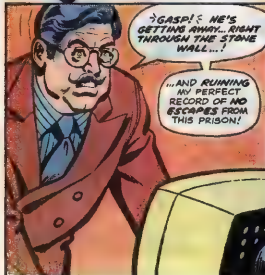
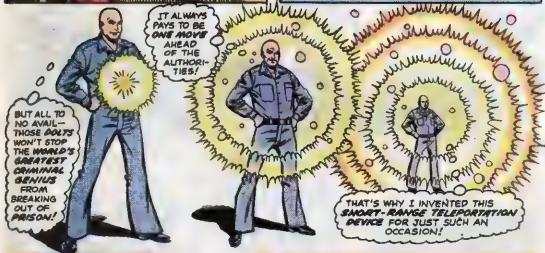
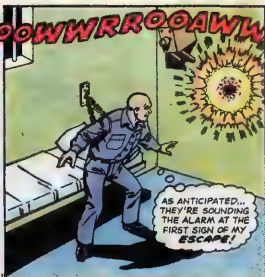
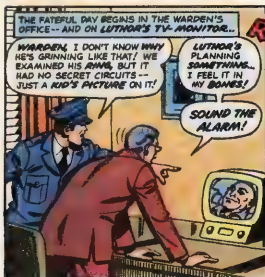
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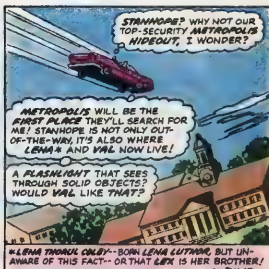


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HIDEOUT-- AND DON'T  
SPARE THE HORSE-  
POWER!

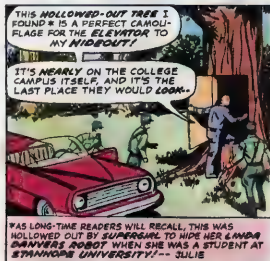


STANHOPE? WHY NOT OUR  
TOP-SECURITY METROPOLIS  
HIDEOUT, I WONDER?

METROPOLIS WILL BE THE  
FIRST PLACE THEY'LL SEARCH FOR  
ME! STANHOPE IS NOT ONLY OUT-  
OF-THE-WAY, IT'S ALSO WHERE  
LENA\* AND VAL NOW LIVE!

A FLASHLIGHT THAT SEES  
THROUGH SOLID OBJECTS?  
WOULD VAL LIKE THAT?

\*LENA THORAL COLBY--BORN LENA LUTHOR, BUT UN-  
AWARE OF THIS FACT-- OR THAT LEX IS HER BROTHER!  
--JULIE



THIS HOLLOWED-OUT TREE I  
FOUND\* IS A PERFECT CAMOU-  
FLAGE FOR THE ELEVATOR TO  
MY HIDEOUT!

IT'S NEARLY ON THE COLLEGE  
CAMPUS ITSELF, AND IT'S THE  
LAST PLACE THEY WOULD LOOK--

\*AS LONG-TIME READERS WILL RECALL, THIS WAS  
HOLLOWED OUT BY SUPERMAN TO HIDE HER LAMDA  
DANVERS ROBOT WHEN SHE WAS A STUDENT AT  
STANHOPE UNIVERSITY!-- JULIE



"-- FOR LUTHOR'S LAMB!"

TELL ME, MEN-- ISN'T THIS  
A SIGHT TO BEHOLD? THE  
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ORATORY EVER CONCEIVED  
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ER... IT  
LEAVES US  
SPEECHLESS,  
MR. LUTHOR!



STAY HERE TILL  
I'M FINISHED!  
I MUST  
CONCENTRATE  
--ON MY  
GREATEST  
INVENTION!

DO NOT  
DISTURB

WONDER  
WHAT IT  
COULD BE?



SOMETHING TO  
KNOCK OFF SUPER-  
MAN... WHAT ELSE--?

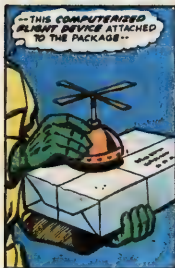
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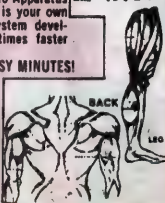
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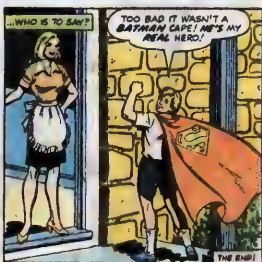
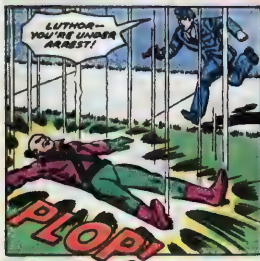
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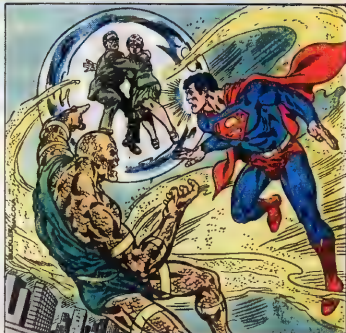
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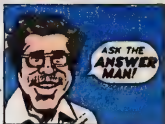
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